

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1442 without my signature.

This bill would create a new commission to evaluate coordination and funding for adult education and community college non-credit courses. Creating a new commission for this purpose would result in new costs and redundant government bureaucracy. While the bill specifies that these costs would be absorbed by the Community College Chancellor's Office and the State Department of Education, the result would be to simply displace other work done by these offices. Further, California's current education governance structure already includes advisory bodies from which the Governor and the Legislature may seek analysis and recommendations regarding coordination and funding for adult education.

In addition, the California Performance Review has recently completed an intensive evaluation of state governance structures and operations, including missions, organizational structures, agency operations, and overall contributions and makes significant recommendations regarding the governance of education. The review specifically targets agencies with overlapping duties, redundant reporting requirements, and out-dated functions. It is premature to make any changes to existing agencies or commissions until these recommendations are fully vetted by the Administration, the Legislature, and the public.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger